COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CDPP) GRANTS

Eligibility Requirements

Most local governments and nonprofit organizations in LCRA’s wholesale electric and water service areas, or areas in which LCRA Transmission Services Corporation provides transmission services, are eligible to apply for a CDPP grant. Grant recipients can include:

- Cities and counties
- Civic organizations
- Schools
- Volunteer fire departments
- Libraries
- Emergency responders
- Museums
- Historical associations

Eligibility requirements:

- Projects must be for capital improvements, and must meet a need in one of the following areas: education, transportation, public safety, recreation, health care, fire department training, community planning or employment.

- The physical address of the project must be in LCRA’s service area.

- The project must be completed within 12 months of the date the grant is received. Failure to complete the project on schedule or abide by the terms of the letter agreement may result in LCRA requiring the recipient to return the grant.

- Grants of more than $5,000 require a minimum 20 percent match of the total project cost; matching funds must be documented in the application.

- The grant recipient must post signage that clearly, permanently and publicly acknowledges the sponsorship of LCRA and LCRA’s wholesale electric customer serving the recipient’s area, if applicable.

- The project must be maintained for the public purpose for which the grant was awarded.

- Grant applications must be signed by the chief executive administrator or officer of the organization requesting the grant.

- Upon completion of the project, the grant recipient must submit a notarized completion report with photographs of the finished project and the signage.

The types of projects that are not eligible include: completed projects; religious or church-sponsored facilities such as sanctuaries; social service projects; land acquisition projects; debt-reduction campaigns; capital campaigns; program operating costs; seminar and conference fees (training for public firefighting organizations is the exception); administrative and/or indirect costs, such as personnel and overhead expenses, as well as grant writing and/or consulting fees; computer and/or video equipment or software; most functions carried out by a taxing entity; furniture; appliances; office equipment; and batteries.

Those ineligible to receive grants include: for-profit entities, individuals, professional associations and nonprofit organizations whose project benefits are limited to group membership.